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# Flower power!

Local artist Susie Lidstone's latest painting, *Rose & Orchids* has been snapped up by Jacqui Joseph Designs for their spring 2017 homeware range

Susie has been painting for 30 years and now works from her small studio in Farnham. "The vibrant, ever-changing colours of flowers, plants and trees throughout the seasons have always fascinated me," she says. "I find watercolour is the perfect medium to capture their qualities. Their appeal is timeless. I hope to capture both the calm and vitality I always feel studying my subjects."

She is clearly achieving this – her greetings cards are published by The Dandy Art House and Frozen Image and her limited-edition prints and other artistic wonders by Southfields Stationers, in addition to her homewares range for Jacqui Joseph Designs and her work, in the form of cushions, tea towels and notebooks at various shops, galleries, museums and florists.

Susie, who gained her degree in fine art printmaking from The West Surrey College Of Art And Design in

1981, is one of only a small number of women to be a full member of The Society Of Architectural Illustration.

"I admire the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, in particular his ability to capture the lyrical quality of plant forms," adds Susie. "Also, Paul Hogarth and Graham Clarke for their quirky take on architecture and buildings, which I also paint to commission – I have a fascination with bricks! And Elizabeth Blackadder whose paintings filled me with delight as a child. Recently I had the pleasure of having some of my paintings displayed with hers at both a London event and an exhibition in Godalming."

Susie is a full member of The Society Of Floral Painters and has taught adult education classes as well as children's workshops at museums locally.

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